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I-94 westbound now open from Mandan to Dickinson, No Travel Advisory lifted

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has opened Interstate 94 westbound traffic lanes from Sunset Drive in Mandan to Dickinson which had been closed due to traffic incidents on the roadway and heavy snow. The **No Travel Advisory** for I-94 eastbound traffic lanes from Mandan to Glen Ullin and Dickinson has also been lifted.

Motorists should be aware the roadway is covered with rough, compacted snow on I-94 between New Salem and Hebron. The I-94 entrance and exit ramps in this area may still be blocked with heavy snow and vehicles.

NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state. The three categories are as follows:

1. **TRAVEL ALERT** – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snow plows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.
3. **ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED** – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.dot.nd.gov.

If you become stranded in your vehicle, please call 911.

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